

# GEE AITCH 43

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## Frank Newman Show Here

**TONIGHT! OUT FOR THE BIG SHOW!**

**Frank Newman Company Plays—  
"The Black Sergeant."**

A packed house is expected for to-night's performance in the local theatre, when Frank Newman and his much favored, popular aggregation of artists will appear, starring Billy Lightelle, in "The Black Sergeant." The show is of a military character and abounds with laugh provoking comedy, which is so well handled by

that past master of stage fun, Billy Lightelle. Tonight, you will see him as drill sergeant. No need to coax, you wouldn't miss it, you readers who have witnessed the former work of this company. Theatre doors open at 7:00 P. M.

### ON DETACHED SERVICE.

Sergeants Cyrus Coddington, Stephen Garbirino, Louis Samuels, Cpl. Charles Erb and Privates first class Timothy Tanguay, Donald Moores and Mowell Wigger have left, escorting patients to other hospitals.



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## "GIANT OAKS FROM SMALLEST ACORNS GROW."

YOU can if you only have the will. Ponder the achievement of Samuel Gompers, leader of American Organized Labor. Samuel Gompers went to work when he was eleven years old.

With the wolf at his own door, he went out to toil for the betterment of the masses.

Yet, he has been fair to invested capital. Those who spoke of him in the bitterest terms have seen him in a new light since his stupendous service to America and the Allies in the great hour of need.

From this truly great American a wholesome moral can be gained. Americanism that is good for all of us at this time is exposed in his own words. Read them thinkingly:

"America is not merely a name, a land, a country, a continent; America is a symbol. It is an ideal, the hope of the world.

"I stand insofar as I can and dare—and I dare much—for the prin-

ples of natural and rational development and growth.

"I am opposed, as is organized labor in America, to any destructive policy.

"There is nothing that is worth while maintaining that I would aid or abet in destroying.

"Revolutionary process of progress and improvement is the basis for the opportunity for freedom, justice and democracy.

"The man who would be a patriot in defense of the institutions of our country would be undeserving of the privilege of living in this country."

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The lover is the lever that lifts the weight of sorrow from the shoulders of humanity.

## "WHO KNOWS"?

The above is a cognomen, symbolizing one of the officers of this post. Who Knows? has done much in the way of verse creation, some of his little "bits of nonsense," as he calls them, having appeared in this daily, during the past few weeks. He is not thru yet, in fact, his better efforts will appear in future issues. Today, we publish this little personification of the Gee Aitch 43. The "43" has been omitted, but we concede the author this omission for the sake of metre.

Then, Who Knows?, speaks for the Gee Aitch 43 as follows:

## GEE AITCH!

(By Who Knows?)

U. S. General Number forty-three  
Come and think and read with me;  
You'll get the habit until you ache,  
And longingly wait for the Gee Aitch.

We tell of things about the camp,  
Hanson's wisdom fresh from his lamp  
And sayings from Dunning's G. I.  
Can,  
I'll tell the world, you'll think it  
grand.

We may not always tell things true,  
Too often our meanings you mistrue;  
But we do the very best we can,  
That's all you can ask from any man.

**HOW TO MEET OUR PROBLEMS.**

By Charles Evans Hughes

As we realize that for all time the purpose of world domination by any force magnifying itself at the expense of justice has been thwarted, so let us learn that in meeting our own problems here, force, tyranny, the determination to rule must likewise be crushed; arraying of class against class, the thought of power obtained by the mere exercise of strength, must be forever crushed. And we must realize that it is only as we take counsel together, as we ascertain the facts, as in an open-minded manner we seek justice, with a sincere love of justice, that democracy will give us aught of the blessings which we believe that she bears, or that we shall be worthy of this victory which the forces of democracy have achieved.

**KOHLER'S FEATHER PILLOW****STILL A. W. O. L.**

And Mister, Lt. Hosp. Sgt. Arnold F. Kohler, offers "four bits" to the one who exposes the un-authorized acquisitioner. "Not so much the value of the comforting head-rest, but want to know who the wolf is," says Kohler. (Now, whoe'er it be, had best answer guilty, collect the reward himself, and with them "fo' bits," square himself by inviting Sgt. Kohler over to the soda fountain. Spend his own money on him to pacify him—Make the offer anyhow).

**HOUSE ENJOYED "Y" MUSICALE**

A well filled house witnessed the Musical Sketch, "Twice Married" in the theatre Tuesday evening, Benny Kirkland, Jean Berry and Bertha Horn, comprised the cast, whose comedy and dancing made a hit with many who attended the performance. The show is furnished thru the courtesy of the Y. M. C. A. and is the second sponsored by them in the past two weeks, the other appearing on Wednesday evening of last week.

**LOST!**

Set of False Teeth, near Nurses' Quarters. Finder return to Red Cross House and receive reward.

**LARGE GATHERING AT DANCE.**

Tuesday night came on with the heat of Hades. Not even a zephyr found its way in from the ocean. Not one tiny stir had lingered in the wake of the afternoon's passing storm that had threatened hourly to envelope the situation all the latter half of the day. All had passed and the world was as still as the grave. And then, night came on and clearly the stars shone down, twinkling, every one. While followed a "sound of revelry by night." Inside the hall, bright chandeliers glittered and gay music drifted out upon the still air. Cooling fruit punch flowed freely and enchanted couples responded blithly to the wierd and melodious strains played by the Post orchestra. Visiting ladies from Hampton and Phoebeus and Nurses and Aides attended in sufficient numbers to balance the party completed by the patients and corps men who thronged the hall. Oriental, fantastic, wierd, toward the close the prevailing atmosphere rent with notes of the Orient, symphonies built on the slender strings of Brodie's violin, Angrell's piano with sympathetic reverberations from the uncannily blown instruments of Jacobs, Zimmerman and Sparling, all timed by Mic Fic's symbols and drums.

Thanx to the Hostess, the Entertainment Director, the Committee and detail, it was a delightfully conducted affair, and the evening a merry one for all.

**ANOTHER BIG EVENING ENJOYED.**

A party of about twenty-five comprising the Quartermaster's Supply Department visited Buckroe Beach Tuesday evening and spent a big evening there. Amusements and dancing were indulged in. Lunch, merry-go-rounds 'n everything.

The party comprised the following: Misses Marion Roberts, Virginia Crone, Emma and Celia Otis, Miss Nealon, Miss Schmitter, Mrs. Merrill, and Miss Lenson; Messrs. Costello, McCarthy, Leneham, Arthur, Einback, Shea, Rule, Brown, Roggie, Lieutenants Otis and Oberthier.

## DISABLED EX-SERVICE MEN APPLY IN INCREASING NUMBERS FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING.

### Numbers of Disabled Soldiers Taking Vocational Training Indicate Genuine Interest in Government Provision.

More than five thousand disabled ex-service men are now in training under the direction of the Federal Board for vocational education. Thirty percent of those in training are preparing for some trade or industry, twenty-five percent are taking commercial courses, fifteen percent are training for a profession, another fifteen percent are studying agriculture in some form and almost as large a percentage of the men are taking general educational courses, needed for their vocational training which is to be taken later. A few are in miscellaneous courses. The Federal Board takes the man just where it finds him and trains him in the most direct course leading to his independence and usefulness.

The personal wishes of the disabled men are given careful consideration in the selection of the proper courses chosen for their re-education. These ambitions are often great surprises to the vocational advisors who are making contacts with hundreds of these wounded soldiers. A machinist, thirty-four years old, expressed the astonishing desire to play the piano! It seemed impossible, but he is having his way, and while preparing to earn his living by piano tuning, he is enjoying his association with the coveted instrument. A young lieutenant, with decided dramatic talent, held an office job before he went overseas where he lost his eye. He is studying dramatic art and is anticipating a successful career in his profession. A writer who lost his arm and a mechanic's helper who lost a leg, are taking agricultural courses, and looking forward to that independence found in the "farmer's life. The list of courses in which disabled men are now training includes over 200 different kinds. Theology, medicine, law, journalism, music and art among the professions for which they

are preparing, while carpentry, sign painting, plumbing, machine shop work, weldings, gas engine work, telegraphy, tailoring, shoe-making, printing are only a few of the selected trades and industries. The list also includes all kinds of commercial and agricultural work.

Doing the things they have longed to do means that into the work will go an earnestness and enthusiasm that will result in efficiency and contentment for the disabled men who would otherwise be severely handicapped in their efforts to share in life's industrial struggle.

## PUTTING PEP INTO DISABLED MEN.

### Federal Board for Vocational Education Finds a Way For Discouraged Soldiers to Carry On.

Washington, July 30.—It takes a great deal to stump the Federal Board for Vocational Education when it comes to finding something a disabled soldier, sailor, or marine can do.

"A perforated ear drum, valvular heart disease and mitral insufficiency" sound like the last words of the family doctor. A private in the infantry heard this diagnosis with a sinking feeling. He was a machinist, but that trade had to go now, and he wondered how he would ever live on the salary of a watchman. That was the only kind of employment he could get. The Federal Board found him with the will to carry on, but no way, and they provided the way.

It seems that he had a gift for drawing, and he was given a trial course in commercial design in a School of Industrial Arts. The trial course has developed into a regular term, he is doing so well.

A compilation of troubles isn't worth worrying about, if you can make them "Non Est" as Private B. is doing.

## KNOT IN A NAUTICAL SENSE.

"Why do they say knots on the ocean instead of miles"?

"Why you couldn't have an ocean tide' without knots, could you?"